

- * 2019, 27th President cup champions - Hong Kong
- * 2018 Hong Kong professional Open Champions
- * 2018 South African Champions
- * 12 Times South African Professional Dance Champion
(Latin American 6 times & 6 times Show Dance)
- * 2010 ASIAN AL International Pro Latin Champion
- * 2012 French Open Finalist
- * SA Representative in 13 WORLD championships
- * 3 Times Russian Kremlin Cup Appearances
- * 2010 South African Ambassadors Award Receiver

Ryno and Elena

Professional Dancers, Coaches, Teachers and Performers - Bio

This Bio/Cv has 4 Sections :

1) ["Dancing Career"](#)

About Ryno' s Dancing Career with Achievements/Rewards and experience as a Dancer and International Competitor.

2) ["Management Experience"](#)

About his Management/ Directing / Choreography and Teaching Skills and experience as the Owner and Studio Director of his own Company, 'Passion for Dance"

3) ["Other Skills and Qualities"](#)

His general and "other" basic skills and qualities which has enabled him to become as successful in his work as he is today.

4) [Experience in the Cruise Industry](#)

This is about his experience as a Guests Entertainer on board Ships.

Briefly:

- * Ryno is an Artist.
- * A professional Latin American and Ballroom Dance Champion, Competitor and a Show Dance performer.
- * Director, Choreographer and Coach of his Dance studios, Passion for Dance.
- * Public speaker and writer (currently working on a Book regarding ballroom dancing)
- * Event planner and Co ordinator
- * and finally, He aims to become a Cruise Director.

SECTION 1 - Dancing Career

General Information in a Nutshell

- * To Date, Ryno is the holder of 14 South African National Dance titles. (2 titles from the SADTA Federation)
- * Ryno hails from Pretoria in South Africa
- * He is athletic and slim build with a weight of 79kg and his height is 1.82 tall
- * Born in Sasolburg.
- * After he matriculated, he completed 2 years military service in the Air Force (Pretoria-Valhalla).
- * He started dancing at the age of 22.
- * He started at a social school called "Dance Well Studio" after which he moved to Fred Astaire, where International Dancing was introduced to him.
- * In 1994 he danced his first of many British Championships in Blackpool –England.
- * Ryno is a people's person. An entertainer of note. He has, besides his dancing established himself not only as a public speaker at corporate events but has the absolute skills of working with people.
- * He is a "Fellowship" Latin American Dance adjudicator and coach. The highest qualification in Ballroom dancing. An adjudicator, international Renown choreographer and above all... a team building specialist.
- * He started his dancing career teaching at a social school called "Dance Well Studio" in 1990 and spend a total of 3 years teaching there and performing Pro Am shows and competitions with his students. He then moved to Fred Astaire, where International Dancing was introduced to him. He had the position of "front End" manager. His task and primary responsibility was to see that staff members were fully trained in order to impress students, teach good lessons, had the necessary skills and people relations to sign expensive contracts with these students.
- * Currently living in the in South Africa and Hong Kong .
- * He has a South African passport...his United States of America B2 tourists visa expire in 2023 - 10th April

Projects and other Major Achievements

- * Ryno was/is the sole owner and organiser of the Independent South African Dance Congress in 2004 – 2005 – 2007 and 2012
- * He contributed as a professional towards the development of dancing for charity in Zimbabwe (Harare & Bulawayo) in 1997 and also in 2002 and many other Workshops for Black Children in SA.
- * Received his National PROTEA/SPRINGBOK Colours for Dancing in 1998 and from then on, every year until 2016
- * Received the Most Prestigious Ambassadors Award for his loyalty and dedication to Dance Sport in 2011.
- * Won the South African Nation television program "The Summit" Series in 2001 and earned the status of a National Celebrity on National TV
- * Has been invited on 3 occasions by the President of the Russian Dance Union Mr Stanislav Popov and competed in the World Renown KREMLIN CUP in Moscow-Russia in 2005/6/ and 2010 .
- * He has competed in 14 WORLD Dance Championships

Latin American Professional in :

- * Sun City/South Africa 1998, - Erica
- * Halle/Germany 1997, - Erica
- * Cannes/France 2005, - Svetlana
- * Moscow/Russia 2007, - Svetlana
- * Bonn/Germany 2010, - Julia
- * Innsbruck/Austria 2012, - Beatrix
- * Irvine/USA 2013 - Beatrix
- * Moscow - Russia 2016 - Elena

and in South American WORLD Show Dance in :

- * Lignano Sabbiadoro/Italy 2005, - Svetlana
- * Moscow/Russia 2006, - Svetlana
- * Miami/USA 2000, - Sonja
- * Schevingen/Holland 2007, - Svetlana
- * Tampa Bay/USA 2013, - Beatrix
- * Germany / Bonn. 2019. - Elena

- * He studied dancing and lived for 8 months in London in 2000,
- * He also studied dancing and lived in New York and California for 6 months in 2013
- * Ryno was a member of the South African Sponsored team "RAMA" in 1998 as World representatives and performed various Workshops, shows and appearances over South Africa for 7 months teaching Black Children in poor areas and appeared on National TV on programs such as, TOP BILLING, KYK NET and Mabaleng TV and also in Blackpool-UK.
- * He is the only dancer in the history of South Africa to have WON the Latin American title with 3 foreign girls in a row. (2 Russians and 1 Austrian) and he is also holding the title for the most titles as a professional – 12 national titles. And 14 together unofficially.
- * Ryno won the SADTA (south African dance teachers association).(an unofficial federation SA championships.)
- * As a Well known Choreographer, he also Choreographed 3 Pageant competitions in past years.
Ramp work included with dance shows for all contestants. :

- 1) The Miss Warmbad Forever Resorts in 2006 ;
- 2) Miss Pretoria show in 2007
- 3) Mr SOUTH AFRICA show at Carnival City in 2008.

- * As a Public Speaker in his part time, he had appeared in various performances such as:
Studio events, competitions, social events and most recent, as guest speaker at the Newcastle Senior primary school in KwaZulu Natal – SA in 2013 November.
- * Ryno also appeared as a guest speaker at The Nest monthly Speakers Club event in April 2018 talking about the similarities and connections between Dancing and every day relationships.
- * Ryno also taught for the Fred Astaire Studio in Pretoria -South Africa between 1992 and 1995 and was Manager of Sales.

The Below would be regarded as His Most Signature Results on the Competition floor.

- * Winning the Professional South African National Latin American Championships in 2004, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011 and 2012, - 6 times
- Winning the Professional "South American Show Dance" SA Dance Championships in 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2012. – 6 times
- British RS Pro Latin Blackpool- 4th round – top 48- 2006
- Competed in the British open Rising Star and Open Latin , 16 times and usually just made the 3rd Round .top 96
- 2012 French Open Finalists, 7th
- 2010 ASIAN AL professional Latin Champion in Hong Kong 1st
- TWICE World Show dance championships Semi Finalists in 2005 and 2007 – 9 th & 11th Place
- Russian Kremlin Cup Quarter Finalists in 2005
- German Rising Star Pro Latin Semi Finalists in 2006, - 10th
- 2004 Pro Latin open, Macau and Hong Kong Finalists. 3rd and 6th

- Donnie Burns Cup in Hong Kong - 2010, finalists -4th
- Austrian World Masters Semi Finalists in 2006 – 10th
- Holland Masters ,Pro Latin finalists in 2006 – 3rd
- 2015 Semi finalist in Taipei Open - Taiwan
- 2015 semi finalists , Taichung open
- 2016 WORLD LATIN championships representative for SA in Russia-Moscow-Top 48
- 2016 Runners up in SA championships
- Dutch Open Semi finalists Show dance -2007, 5th
- 2007 All England Pro Latin Semi Finalists 12th
- 2002 London Open – England , Semi Finalists, Pro Latin- 11th
- Hat Trick - North West (3 times) National Champion. 2004/5/6.
- Provincial Champion in Gauteng in 2004,2005 and 2006 \
- Winner of the 2002 South African Dance TV series, “ The Summit”
- 2018 Hong Kong International Professional Latin American Champions
- *. 2019 - Winning the South African Latin and Show dance Professional sections for the 7th time with his 4th Different International Dance Partners. Ryno is the ONLY dancer in South African history To have achieved this.

International Dance Coaches with whom RYNO worked with in his career up to date:

Between 1994 and 2017 Dates in brackets are the times trained with them

* Bryan Watson – South Africa/Germany	World champion..	(2005)
* Hazel & Allan Fletcher – England	World champions..	(2005 – 2017)
* Mick & Lorna – England	World champions	(2005 – 2017)
* Allan Tornsberg – Denmark	World Finalist	(2012 – 2013)
* Paul Killick – England	World Finalists	(2006 – 2017)
* Richard Porter – England	World Finalists	(1997 – 2017)
* Sergey Rupin – Russia	Russian Champion	(2011 – 2017)
* Pamela McGill – England	World renown judge	(2005 – 2017)
* Barbara McColl – England	British Champion	(2005 – 2017)
* Vladimir & Elena Kolobov – Russia	Russian Champions	(2012)
* Sammy Stopford – England	British champion	(1995/2004 – 2007)
* Shirley Ballas – England	British Champion	(2005 – 2008)
* June Mcmurdoch – England	World renown Judge	(1994 – 1995)
* Jukka & Sirpa Haaipelaainen – Finland	British Champions	(1994 – 1996)
* Nina Hunt – England	World legend Coach	(1994)
* Dawid Sycamore – England	World Finalists	(1995/2004)
* Denise Weavers – England	World Finalists	(1995/2005)
* Victor Kanefsky USA	USA Dance Finalists	(2016)
* Tyrone Watkins SA	SA choreographer /Coach	(2006 - 2016)
* Raffick Hoosien SA	SA Dance Choreographer	(2010 - 2013)
* Ton von Greton. Holland	World Renown International Choreographer	(2019- Current)

ALL Competition Results from 1994 – 2018

Some of his most impressive results with previous partners between 1995-2018 are the following:

PARTNER	DATE	COMPETITION	PLACE	RESULT
<u>Sonja Stanford</u> South African	1994, 95, 96, 2000, 01, 02	British Championship	Blackpool - UK	3 rd Round
	2000, 01	International Open Professional Championships	London-Brentwood	2 nd Round
	1994,95, 96, 2000,01, 02	South African National Championships	South Africa-CT, DBN, JHB, Benoni	3 rd ,4 th ,5 th places
<u>Erica Smith</u> South African	1997	International Rumba in the Jungle	South Africa-Sun City	Finalist – 6 th
	1997	British Championships	Blackpool - UK	3 rd Round
	1997, 98	SA Open Championships	South Africa-CT/JHB	Runners-up
	1997 1998	World Latin American Championships	Germany-Halle South Africa-Sun City	2 nd Round 2 nd Round
<u>Sonja Stanford</u> South African	2001	“The Summit (E-TV Program)”	South Africa	1 st
	2001	British Championships Rising Star	England	Top 48
	2000, 01	Gauteng Championships	JHB	2 nd
	2001	World Show Dance Championships	Miami-USA	14 th
<u>Chantel Joubert</u> South African	2002	SA Show Dance Championships	South Africa-CT	1 st
	2002	London Open Championships	London-Brentwood	8 th
	2002	International Rising Star	London	Top 24
	2003	International Open Professional Championships	London	2 nd Round
	2003	World Show dance Championships	Saint Petersburg- Russia	Did not compete
<u>Svetlana Tishina</u> Russian	2004	Macau Open Dance Championships	Macau-Hong Kong	3 rd
	2004, 06, 07	SA Latin American Professional Championships	Bloemfontein/ Pretoria/ JHB	1 st
	2004, 05, 06, 07	SA Show Dance Championships	Bloemfontein/ Pburg/ Pretoria/JHB	1 st
	2005	World Show Dance Championships	Italy-Lignano- Siabodore	16 th
	2005	SA Latin American Professional Championships	Pietersburg	Runners-up
	2005, 06, 07	British Open Pro Championships	Blackpool - UK	Top 96
	2005, 06	Kremlin Cup	Moscow-Russia	Top 36 Quarter-Finals

	2006	World Latin Pro Championships	California-USA Irvine	Did not compete
	2005, 06	International Open Professional Championships	London	2 nd Round
	2005, 06, 07	Professional Latin American NW Leopard Challenge Championships	South Africa-Mafikeng	1 st
	2005, 07	World Latin Championships	France-Cannes Russia-Moscow	2 nd Round Top 48
	2006	Austrian World Masters	Austria-Innsbruck	Semi/F – 9 th
	2006	British Rising Star	Blackpool - UK	Top 48 – 4 th Round
	2006, 07	World Show Dance Championships	Russia-Moscow Holland-Scheveningen	Semi/F–12 th Semi/F–10 th
	2006, 07	Gauteng Latin Championships	South Africa	1 st
	2007	Classique	Pretoria	1 st
	2007	British Professional Open	Blackpool - UK	3 rd Round
	2007	Holland Masters	Holland-Arnhem	Finalist – 4 th
	2007	German Open Rising Star	Germany	Semi/F–10 th
	2007	Austrian World Masters	Austria-Innsbruck	Top 48 4 th Round
	2008	British Championships Open	Blackpool - UK	3 rd round
	2008	World Latin Pro Championships	Austria-Innsbruck	Did not compete
Julia Kharlova Russian	2009	Ackermann's Championships	Cape Town	Runners-up
	2009	Vodacom Durban Challenge	Durban	1 st
	2009	Gauteng Provincial Championships	Orange Free State	1 st
	2009	SADTA SA Championships	Pretoria	1 st
	2009	SADF SA Dance Championships	Cape Town	1 st
	2010	Representatives to World Pro Latin Championships	Germany-Bonn	35 th
	2010	ASIAN Open	Hong Kong	1 st
	2010	Hong Kong Open	Hong Kong	3 rd
	2010	Donnie Burns Cup	Hong Kong	4 th
	2010	International London	London	2 nd round
	2010	London Ball	London	2 nd round
	2010	Kremlin Cup	Russia-Moscow	Quarter Finals
	2010	World Masters Innsbruck	Austria-Innsbruck	2 nd round
	2010	British Championships	Blackpool - UK	2 nd round

	2010	SADTA South African Championships	Pretoria	1 st
	2010	Classique Championships	Pretoria	1 st
	2010	Ackermann's Grand Slam Open Championships	Cape Town	1 st
Beatrix Royda Austrian	2012	SADTA South African Championships	Krugersdorp / Muldersdrift	1 st
	2012	SADF South African Championships	Cape Town	1 st
	2012	French Open	Paris - Montauban	7 th in FINALS
	2012	Blackpool-British Open	UK-Blackpool	2 nd round
	2012	International Open	London	2 nd round
	2012	World Latin Professional Championships	Austria - Innsbruck	54 th
	2013	South African Latin American pro Championships	Cape Town	1st
	2013	South African Show Dance Championships	Cape Town	1st
	2013	World Show Dance Championships	Tampa Bay - USA	14 th
Elena Tokarenko Russian	2013 - September	World Professional Latin American Championships	Irvine - California	53 rd
	2015	WDC Open Taipei Championships	Taiwan - Taipei	Semi Finals (10th)
	2015	Taichung Open Dance Championships	Taiwan - Taichung	Semi Finals (7th)
	2015	Blackpool - British Champs- Open and Rising Star	Blackpool - UK	2nd Round and 3 rd round
	2016	Emerald Championships	USA - Irvine	Top 19
	2016	WORLD LATIN Championships	Moscow - Russia	Top 48
	2016	Blackpool - British Champs- Open and Rising Star	Blackpool - Uk	2nd Round and 3 rd Round
	2018	Hong Kong IHKBDF	Hong Kong	1ST
	2018	National championships	South Africa	1ST
	2019	27th Presidents cup	Hong kong	1ST
	2019	Rumba In the Jungle	South Africa	4th
	2019	South African National Championships	South Africa	1st

Cabaret Appearances

Below listed are some big productions that Ryno and his partners have been involved with.

Of course, it's not possible to mention every small little show during his entire career.

Therefore Ryno would like to put some special attention to the events below which has been the "most and biggest prestigious Cabaret Dance Events until Now..."

DATE	NAME OF SHOW	PLACE
1995,96	South African Air Force Ball	Valhalla, Swartkops -PTA
1995, 96	Maxis Big Event Promotions	Brooklyn-PTA
1997, 2000	Host Dancers at the Dancer of the Year	Germiston/Sun City
2000,01,07	National South African Dance Congress	Caesars-JHB, Kempton Park, PTA
1998	Presidential Event	Sandton Towers Convention Centre
1997, 98	Rama Butter Sponsored Events	Sandton Towers Convention Centre
1998	Pierre Cardin Golden Ball for Sponsors	JHB City Hall
1998, 2001, 2003	Battle of the Giants	South Africa – Sun City
2001	Helmut Lotti Concert	Gallagher Estates
2001, 03, 05	Guests Dancers for "Shall we Dance"	Durban
2004	Harbeespoortdam Festival Show	Hartbeespoortdam
2005	Miss Aventura Choreographer	Bella Bella
2005, 06	Dance Companies De Lux	Hong Kong- Charles and Mary Wu
2005	First National Bank	Rustenburg
2005	Big Bash	Gold Reef City
2005,06,07	The Cavern Holiday Resort	Drakensberg
2006	Nelson Mandela Event	Die Munt – Midrand
2006,07	Big Bash	Saint George Hotel -PTA
2006	BMW Show	The Castle – Midrand
2006	Michael Angelo Show	Johannesburg-Sandton
2006	BMW Mini Show	Game Reserve – Johannesburg
2007	Kremlin Shows for Russian Cabinet	Kremlin – Russia
2007	Perform for Scheik from Saudi Arabia	Sun City-the Palace Lost City
2007	Telkom Production	The Spier – Stellenbosch
2007	Standard Bank Ball	Emerald Casino-Vereeniging
2008	Night of 100 Stars	Weymouth - England
2009	Mr South Africa Choreographer	Carnival City - Benoni
2009	The Pyramid Production	Johannesburg
2009	Government Event	Sheraton Hotel – South Africa-PTA
2009	Cabaret Shows	Caraffa - Pretoria
2009	MTN Show	Midrand-JHB
2010	Gold Reef City Indian Spectacular	Gold Reef City - Johannesburg
2000 – 2009	Cabaret Shows	Coco Bongo, Monte Casino - JHB
2000 – 2009	Cabaret Shows	Rodizio - Johannesburg
2009, 10	Cabaret Shows	Cantare, Monte Casino – JHB
2010	Charity Ball	Johannesburg
2011	Studio Productions	Port Elizabeth
2012	Private Indian Event	Sheraton Hotel – Pretoria

2012	Black Tie Pharmacy Event	Pretoria Country Club
2012	Dance Spectrum Competition	Italian Club – Kempton Park
2012	Spar Year End Function	Johannesburg Nature Reserve
2012	Peugeot	Pretoria - Hatfield
2012	Jewellery Morning Event	Pretoria – Garsfontein
2012	Private Wedding	Moon and Six Pence
2012	Colgate Launch	FTV Launch Fourways – JHB
2012	Vodacom Event	Radisson Blue Hotel - JHB
2012	BMW Year End Bash	Bedfordview
2012	Private Function	Sandton Convention Centre
2012	Premier Hotel Charity event	Kempton Park – Premier Hotel
2013	New York – Hawthorne Show	Studio Event-Westchester
2014	A Ryno/Beatrix dance celebration	Club 1 -Newport - California
2014	Golf Club Event	Laguna Woods Estates - California
2014	Charity show at Los Ponchos	La Carona - California
2014	Mexican School	
2014	Farewell/Welcome show for Ryno/ Elena	Pretoria
Between 2014 - 2017	Princess and Crystal Cruise Lines	World Wide - SHOWS...
2015		
2016	Birthday Show for Elena	Hong Kong
2017	China Festival	China - Shenzhen
2017	My Spring Date	Hong Kong
2018	Fred Astaire National Championship	Houston - Texas
2018	Show in Hong Kong	Hong Kong
2018	Winter Ball	Pretoria
2018	Religious Church Dance	Johannesburg
2018	1988 Matric Reunion	Newcastle
2019	Dance Ball	Port Elizabeth
2019	Hong Kong Galaxy Ball	Hong Kong
2019	Dance Festival	Xiamen - China
2019	Competitors Show case	Guanchou - China
2019	Invitational Show	Kunming - China
2020	Salt Rock Valentines show	South Africa - Ballito

Media Exposure 1994 – 2020

Media exposure is extremely important for Dance Couples to succeed and to make a public name for themselves.

Here are some previous newspaper dates and headings to take note of.

All these newspaper headings and articles were in South Africa, china and Austria.

We also DO HAVE the original newspaper articles with us.

DATE	ARTICLE	NEWSPAPER
1994 - 3 Feb	Latynse danse neem SA paartjie na Britanje	Beeld
1994 – 6 Feb	Twee raak nie uitgepraat oor Britse ervaring	Beeld
1994 – 11 April	Baldansers bring titel huis toe	Beeld
1995 – 22 Sept	Dreaming of a whirl at World Title	The Star
1995 – 14 Oct	Gesellige dansparty by Café Riche	Beeld

1996 – 10 Jan	In pas met polsende ritme	Rekord
1996 – 7 Aug	Baldanse is nou gewildste sport	Rekord
1996 – 19 September	Ritel met Afrika ritma	Beeld
1997 – 26 March	Ons dans klaradyn	Sarie
1997 – 7 August	Danswoede in die dobbel paleis	Huisgenoot
1997 – 29 August	Dancing to fame	Krugersdorp Times
1998 – 10 September	Shall we dance	The Star – Tonight Section
1998 – 6 August	Dans vol glans en passie	Rapport
1998 – 1 September	Scots tops in Latin dance spectacle	The Citizen
1998 – 2 September	Locals rock Sun City	Krugersdorp Times
1998 – 18 September	Fancy foot work takes Erica and Ryno to the top	Krugersdorp News
1998 – 25 September	Local dancers shake the Super bowl	Krugersdorp News
2000 – 8 November	Dancers shine in UK	Pretoria News
2000 – 30 November	Proudly Pretorian	Sunday Times
2000 – 30 November	From sportsman to dancer	Pretoria News
2000 – 3 December	Dans is hul lewe	Rapport
2001 – 1 September	SA Pro's in Miami	SA Dance Magazine
2001 – Oct/Nov	Ryno and Sonja in Miami	SA Dance Magazine
2003 – 28 January	Sierdans Ryno en Chantel	Beeld
2003 – 28 January	Dance champs set to take Russia by storm	Pretoria News
2003 – 29 January	SA se beste dans paar na Rusland	Rapport
2003 – 23 April	Geld die vlieg in dans se salf met Bridget	Beeld
2004 – 20 June	Russian dancer set to wow South Africa	Pretoria News
2004 – 24 July	Danser klaar met ons meisietjies	Beeld
2005 – 1 February	Ryno en Svetlana, SA Professionele Dansers	Rooi Rose
2005 – 1 March	Boerseun en Rus perfekte Dans maats	Beeld
2005 – 14 March	Pairs eyes focused on the world's dance floors	Pretoria News
2005 – 19 June	SA Danskampioene besteel	Rapport
2005 – 26 June	SA Dansers goed in Frankryk	Die Wereld
2005 – 10 August	Gesoute danspaar skaaf hul passies	Rekord
2005 – 23 August	Rumba on the dance floor	Pretoria News
2005 – 1 October	Profile on Ryno and Svetlana	Modern Women
2005 – 23 December	Champions again	Rekord Pretoria East
2006 – 14 April	Dancers excite	Rekord Pretoria East
2006 – 23 April	Danspaar vertrek na Moscow	Rapport Gauteng
2006 – 29 April	Surviving to dance another day	The Citizen
2007 – 4 November	Dans paartjie kook oorsee	Rapport
2007 – 9 November	Ryno and Svetlana dance their way to success	The Rekord
2007 – 11 December	Dancing their way to the top	Eastern News
2008 – 3 February	SA Dans kampioene berei voor vir wereld kampioenskap	Beeld
2008 – 16 March	SA Champions get standing ovation in London	Sunday Times
2008 – 8 August	Life Style on Ryno and Julia	South Coast Herald
2009 – 9 May	The beginning of a new journey with Julia	The Rekord

2010 – 31 March	Steps to Success	The Citizen – City Vibe
2010 – 10 March	Geen tyd vir nonsens in die Dans	Tswane Beeld
2010 – 24 April	(Headings in Chinese) SA Dance Champions shine in China. Both days.	Hong Kong Times
2010 – 6 May	Let's dance	YOU Magazine
2010 – 4 Nov	Dans Kampioene kom draai in die Baai	Port Elizabeth News
2010 - 4 Nov	Latin American dance champs for PE	The Herald
2010 – 3 Dec	Dancers take the world by storm	Rekord
2011 – 22 April	Dance Champion finds new Austrian Partner	Rekord East
2011 – 19 Dec	Dance some more	The Citizen
2011 – 29 Dec	Van den Berg Jive, Rumba vyfde SA titel los	Beeld
2012 – 18 Jan	Passion gives their dancing purpose	The Pretoria News
2012 – 20 Jan	Ryno is a true dancing King	Newcastle Advertiser
2012 – 22 Jan	Girl from Traun is SA best dancer	Upper Austrian News
2012 – 27 Jan	Dance Duo moving on up and dreams come true	PTA News
2012 – 13 March	Ryno and Beatrix defending their SA title in style	Get It Magazine
2014 - 28 November 2015 - 1 February 2016 - June 23	Partners simply the Best in PTA The Sweet Life on Deck Dancing couple who found their Sea Legs	The Rekord Get it Magazine Verve

SECTION 2 - Management Experience

Dancing Studio – PASSION FOR DANCE - 1995 until Current 2020

- * His studio was established in 1995.
- * He has been the sole owner and Dance Director for the past 20 years.
- * During the past 20 years , Ryno had 14 Teachers working for him successfully ...
- * After School in 1988, Ryno attended a leadership course and completed 6 months of training in survival aspects of life.
- * Started his own dance studio , Passion for Dance in 1994.
- * During the past 24 years of having 3 different dance studios in South Africa, Ryno was in charge and directed His companies and managed the following Through his Dance studios...:

- * He has been teaching in total for 25 years. (2 years for Fred Astaire studios and 3 years for Dance Well Studios)
 - * He Coached over plus minus 5 000 students in this time between 1995 - 2017
 - * Choreographed over a 1000 students exhibitions and wedding dances between 1995 - 2017
 - * Competed and performed in many Pro Am events in SA.
 - * Competed in Pro Am competitions in the US in 2013 and most recent , in Boston – USA
 - * His studio “Passion For Dance “ received top Studio awards in 2003/ 4/ 7/ 10 and 2011 from the News Media.
 - * He has coached Ballroom dancing in many countries such as England, Zimbabwe, USA-New York & California, Moscow, Houston Texas, Germany, China, Austria and Hong Kong (Kowloon & Macau)
 - * Ryno has been involved with many Workshops and Charity Work in Zimbabwe to improve dancing.
 - * The Passion for Dance, Dance studio was a studio that specialised in Social Dancing mainly. The big purpose was School kids and Adults. Big Groups Classes was a huge success over the years and specialised adult group classes formed a strong financial back bone to this academy. Along with regular studio socials, studio cabaret Pro Am Socials and student exhibition events, Competitive competitions and Exams, Passion for Dance was a highly successfully managed studio which sadly closed down in 2013 due to International dance commitments and the cruise line industry.
 - * in 2013, Ryno was the event organiser at a dance studio in New York - Hawthorn. His main Role was to gather people together on weekends and sell dance contracts to them by means of using an entertainment program to not just change peoples social life styles but to inspire people to enjoy life more by means of dancing.
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Section 3 - Other Skills and Qualities

Ryno has been an Event Organiser for many Top companies in South Africa during the past 15 years , such as:

- Mercedes Benz,
- BMW,
- Holiday Inn Hotels ,
- Absa Bank,
- Citi Bank,
- Colgate,
- Media outlets,
- Hotel Groups
- FNB Banks,
- various High schools

and also, some Government projects where he had to arrange entertainment programs, provide entertainment and also... in 1995 Ryno and his studio were the main Entertainment at the **Nelson Mandela** (ex SA President) in Johannesburg , children funds awards evening

- * In 2015 Ryno was responsible for 5 Branches of Absa Banks Team building programs.
(his role was to go out to these high end Bank branches, and give motivational speeches, do team building (which he did by means of dancing groups classes) and creating a fun happy environment by making people aware of positive and negative energies in a work environment...
 - * Ryno has been the choreographer for plus minus 11 modelling competitions in the past. Choreographing the dance shows, working closely with face to face interviews and more so... personal evaluations ... When it comes to searching for the RIGHT candidates especially for recruitment for an environment where friendly Personalities, positive energy , vibrant attitudes and “never give up” candidates are concern, Ryno is very good with this. Its all about a feeling, a Good sense and Trust.
 - * During the past 15 years, Ryno has appeared on several occasions as a Motivational speaker. Most recently was when his old School Head master from 1988 has asked him to come and talk to the kids at his primary school where Ryno was a pupil in 1982. His speech was based on how to appreciate life, don't take things for granted and work very hard for what u want to achieve in life...and more so... all this would start when u ate school. the right attitude would determine your journey
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Section 4 - Experience in the Cruise Industry.

Briefly. Started in 2013 until currently 2020.

Cruise Companies Worked for:

1) Crystal Cruise Lines - between January 2014 - December 2017
(Guests Entertainer)

- * Symphony
 - * Serenity
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2) Princess Cruise Lines - Between 2013 - 2017
(Guests Entertainer)

- * Golden Princess
 - * Crown Princess
 - * Star Princess
 - * Sea Princess
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3) Cunard Cruise Lines - 1 month contract . 13 July 2018
(Crew Officer status)

- * Queen Mary 2
-

4) Saga cruise Lines - 2019 until Current still..
Guest Entertainer

- * Saga Pearl 2
 - * Spirit of Discovery
-

5) Paul Gauguin - 2020 and current still -
Guest Entertainer.

Job Description

- * Ballroom Instructor on Board along with his Dance Partner and Girlfriend, Elena Mira Tokarenko , occasionally Alone as Instructor too...
- * Teaching Complimentary 1 Hour Free Groups Classes to the Guests on board on Sea Days.
- * Teaching Booked Private Lessons to the Guests On board.

- * Performing head line Latin American Cabaret Dance Shows with his partner Elena plus minus twice a week.
- * Socialising with Guests
- * On Crystal Cruises, was the Person in charge over looking the "ambassadors Host" Program. These are Dancing Hosts on board dancing with all the single ladies...we had to supervise them and make sure the Guests are satisfied...at all times.
- * Organising and arranging Karaoke, Fun & Games and other activities on board.
- * On Both Cruise Companies, we had a Massive Following and still do.
- * On Princess Cruise Lines we were Assisting the Dancing Casts with Choreography and dance Shows...

In a Nutshell...

By employing Ryno and Elena, you will have Ballroom dance teachers, a Head line Latin Dance couple Plus a CD duo all in one. one couple who can do the work of 3 people. Being a public speaker , event co ordinator... dancers of 27 years, studio owners of 24 years...Could they Not be the BEST candidates as a CD Couple ?

What is needed to become a Cruise Director??

1) People Skills

During the past 24 years, Ryno has been Actively involved, not just as a international dance competitor competing successful all over the world, but he has in the capacity of studio director, owner and dancer worked with so so many people. Talking to people, arranging events, planning events, and getting people involve to participate has been his absolute strength. Ryno has an incredible strong sense of human skills. Being a Dancer, means he is so much more in feel and connection with himself and the moods and feelings of people. Because as a dance teacher, You are always in the position of having to please , listen, give, share and above all... making people comfortable ... His People Skills are of the highest level cause Ryno knows when something is ok, good, very good or ...simply excellent. Perseverance is his Key to success.

Being a dance coach for nearly 27 years is surely a HUGE asset. He has worked with so many people these past 27 years ...not just privately but Ryno is in his ABSOLUTE Prime when he works with LARGE groups of people. The Bigger the Group he works with, the More fun he generates...

As A dance Instructor...you spend so so much time on Marriage counseling . Dancing certainly brings people together. As a Dance instructor, u learn how to listen to people, unite people and u quickly learn and figure out the dynamics of a couple. u learn to understand people . Dancing requires u to work very closely with people and it takes a very special teacher when u have people opening up on a very personal level to a teacher...Ryno is this type of teacher.

As a dancer and Instructor...people take you in their trusts and u learn how to treat and to work with each individual differently.

The absolute success in People skills lies within...how quickly you can make people feel relax, comfortable and confident not just in Yourself, but within the present situation...

2) Organising and Planning

Ryno , with the 24 years of having his studios..organising events, functions, shows , entertainment for Guests and students and More so... planning big events for corporate companies in advance has gained the experience and maturity that gives him this very important quality for A Cruise Director to have ... Planning and Organising entertainment for A large group of people, Big massive companies and Hotels is not something that just happens over night. By Being a Dancer, Coach and Competitor at the same time, this has enabled Ryno to have the type of vision of what is required and more so...what kind of events and entertainment would suit a certain crowd. The ability to assess , evaluate your audience and to think quick on your feet is something which Ryno has a a Natural Instinct for.

3) Friendly and Positive

To Run a successful dance studio for many years means ONE thing...you NEED to have people skills and apart from having to be a good teacher with all the knowledge on the world, You need to be approachable , friendly and a warm person. Being a Teacher for so many years, its been part of the job to be a nice warm friendly and easy going person. Teaching people how to dance is in fact a very small ingredient of the job itself. People come to you for many different reasons and mostly, its to have somebody to lift up your self-esteem, your spirit and just turn you into a postil person. As a Dance Instructor, U HAVE to be a friendly person, or else...why would people want to work so closely with you ?

4) Professional and High Class

In the World of competitive dancing, being a TRUE professional is very very important. this is the trade mark of every single professional dancer out there...apart from having a professional product, a good show, a successful studio, its of most importance that a Top Professional Dancer and Coach looks apart. The ability to stand out from a crowd, to make a statement and above all...always look representable. This truly is a bonus for most dancers because it comes with the image and status of being a top professional dancer. you learn how to conduct yourself always OFF the floor in the most professional manner. Being under the spot light for so many years,..Having performed on the highest stages and most Well Known venues,... Ryno has always conducted himself as an absolute professional. In 2011, he received the Ambassadors award in South Africa for being an absolute Ambassador for the country with his loyal representation on the World Dance International Circuit.

5) Team Work

One aspect that Ryno has learned over the years, Not just in school where he excelled in Team sports such as Rugby, Cadet Band, Cricket , Athletics but more In the his personal Dancing partnership with his different dance partners he had over the years, is TEAM SPORT. To operate successfully in a Team. Ryno had 3 Dance studios over the past 24 years. Having had a team of teachers working under him, it was essential to manage this and more so,...to work with people in different ways. With Each of his partners in the past, he had to work in a different way to become successful.. Team work is something which is a very comfortable situation for him.

6) Entertainment Experience

When you read through the Bio /Cv of Ryno,...i am sure... you will agree,... he has ALL the experience and perhaps ... slightly over experienced to come on board as a cruise director with so many years of COMPETITIVE experience in the field. Not just as a dancer, choreographer, Coach , but also as a Studio owner and director where he had to manage and direct.

7) Delivering a TOP Product

As A professional Dancer, the enjoyment and the journey has always been of outmost importance to Ryno. But unfortunately,...to be successful to a certain extend was also go most importance. Ryno is extremely driven in every he does. he has a high level of perseverance and does not easily give up. He works extremely hard at achieving his goals. When one looks at all his achievements , you could not wonder,...why would he not deliver a Top product for any cruise company. To run an entertainment apartment for any Cruise Company is a Huge task. But, to deliver a successful entertainment program and make sure that guests are happy and you can have many guest entertainers working sufficiently together along with a good cast ... and though this...encourage and inspire people around you to always be at their best... This is an ingredient Ryno has always had with him. Being a competitor on the international world stage for so many years,...has pushed him to always improve in order to be successful. To deliver a TOP product by means of good entertainment for guest on board is certainly something which would need NO encouragement from Ryno. ,

8) Longevity

As the ideal Cruise director,...Ryno would want to commit himself to a very very long term Career in this position. The ideal Cruise director would be somebody who can walk with a company , grow from within and make a difference on the long term .

9) Passion

To be still a Competitor and Show dance performer at the age of 49 clearly has to tell you about Ryno s Passion. He is without doubt incredibly Passionate about Entertainment . His passion to perform, to entertain people, to make a difference and his passion to live a life as a dancer and just about ANYTHING which is connected to entertainment makes him without doubt the BEST candidate for any cruise company to hire. Ryno has an absolute never ending passion for Dancing. Through his dancing, He sees himself as a cruise director who could still dance, still Teach ballroom lessons , choreograph shows if need be...but more so...Because of his absolute PASSION for performing arts and entertainment ...he totally understands this industry and his passion for it will certainly rub off not fellow guests and people around him. Ryno would be a CD with incredible Passion for the job. He has worked with Singers, danced with Live orchestras, opened shows for comedians, magicians, Petrologists, opera singers and more so... even opened shows for previous cruise directors who are also performers. Ryno has an absolute passion to see and listen to every other entertainer who also has a job to do.

10) Success.

This is in the end what We believe will determine your average cruise director from those who have walked the entire mile in the world of entertainment . To be successful as a CD...we believe , Such a upcoming candidate would have had to be successful already in this field. To be the True qualified , Natural , understanding, experienced and above all...skilled CD of a Entertainment department on a cruise ship...we believe such a person would know how to make a success out of it...this would not be possible if He or She has not been successful in this field of this department... Ryno s CV proofs enough for humbling an absolute successful candidate.

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We hereby also include the CV/BIO of Ryno s Fiancé too.
She is his dance partner and together they perform all over the world. Should you accept Ryno s Proposal to become a CD for your company, we would like you to consider bringing Elena on

board with him. Together they can perform, She can assist with ballroom dance classes on board and they will also share a cabin. Even if a position could be created for her such as Cast choreographer or, an additional entertainment coordinator etc... having them both on board would make this the most powerful and most effective CD on any ship.

Elena – Mira Tokarenko

- 40 years of age. Russian. Currently living in Hong Kong and also South Africa
- She is 1.63 and Caucasian.
- Speaks Russian and English
- Very Calm, professional and confident person with a spontaneous personality. She easily operated under pressure.
- Started Dancing at the age of 7 with her Brother, Sergei
- First competition outside the borders of Russia was in 1993 when 15 ...
- Elena has been dancing with her Brother ALL these years until now. (for 20 years)
- Been living in HK for the past 19 years.
- She is a qualified Adjudicator, Coach and Lecturer.
- She has been teaching for over 25 years.
- She is Completely qualified in Latin American and Ballroom dancing
- In HK she is involved until now with Dinner Dances, Parties, all sorts of professional entertainment where she works with her Students. This also explains why she is such an entertainer and socialising person which makes it very easy for people to get around with her.

Here is some of his Most Impressive Results over the years.

(of course, we cannot list every competition over his and Elena's entire careers but these results below are the ones which stand out the most)... they have both competed and STILL do, for the past 20 years in ALL major competitions. Currently, they have been competing in the US, Blackpool every year for the past 15 years... Asia and World championships.

Ryno and Elena currently have 7 coaches whom they are working with world wide

Brief achievements

- * 2000 Hong Kong Open Championships - 1st
- 2002 NATD National Championships – England – Top 12
- 2002 Ella Wells International Pro Rising Star – London – Finalists 3rd
- 2002 Ella Wells International Open Pro Quarter Finalists – 20th

- 2002 US open, Pro Latin Rising Star – Miami – Finalists, 4th
- 2002 All England Pro Latin semi finalists , 8th
- 2002 UK Open Rising Star Latin Finalists, 3rd
- 2003 Blackpool British dance Festival Top 48 professional Open
- 2003 Professional Rising Star- Blackpool British, Finalists – 7th
- 2003 Russian Closed, professional Latin Semi Finalists – 10th
- 2003 US Open Pro rising Star, 4th Round , 34th
- 2003 US Open Prof Latin – top 48
- 2003 International Open London, Open Professional - top 30
- * 2004 Penang Open Maleisië Cup - Finalists- 2nd
- 2004 UK Pro Latin Open – top 46
- 2005 British open Blackpool – open Pro Latin – Top 28
- 2005 International Open Pro Latin Top 48
- * 2005 Russian Kremlin Cup - Quarter Finals
- 2006 British Open , Open Pro Latin – 3rd round top 76
- 2006 UK Open pro Latin – 3rd round – 54th
- * 2007 Russian Open Kremlin Cup - Quarter Finals
- 2009 Open Pro Latin British Blackpool , 2nd Round
- 2009 UK Open Pro Latin – 3rd Round
- 2013 British Open Blackpool Open Pro Latin – 2nd Round
- 2016 Runners up in SA championships
- 2015 Semi finalist in Taipei Open - Taiwan
- 2015 semi finalists , Taichung open
- 2016 WORLD LATIN championships representative for SA in Russia-Moscow- top 48
- * 2018 Hong Kong latin champion

Elena Has also competed in Russia and other parts of the World and until today, has established herself as a well known and highly knowledgeable Professional dancer and Coac

Cruise Companies Worked for:

1)Crystal Cruise Lines - between January 2014 - December 2016 (Guests Entertainer)

* Symphony

* Serenity

2)Princess Cruise Lines - Between 2013 - 2017 (Guests Entertainer)

- * Golden Princess
- * Crown Princess
- * Star Princess
- * Sea Princess

3) Cunard Cruise Lines - 1 month contract . 13 July 2018 (Crew Officer)

- * Queen Mary 2

4) Saga cruise Lines

- * Saga Pearl 2
- * Spirit of Discovery

Dance shows

We have 12 different shows.
All between 8 - 12 minutes each.

Our shows vary from :

- Latin Mix medleys of various dances (5) - 12 min
- Argentine Latin Tango - 5 min
- Paso doble show - 12 min
- Chicago - 8 min
- Dirty dancing - 15 min
- Military Jive show - 5 min
- Roxanne Show (very sexy show) - 7 min
- Drums Samba Show - 5 min
- Gladiator - 5 min
- Egyptian Rumba - 5 min
- modern heavy rock MJ show - 7 min
- Cabaret Chair show - 10 min

All our shows consists of dress changes.

Our opening shows for Welcome shows are all about 3-4 minutes long.

We can also dance a Non Stop 25min show.

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